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Application of: BAUER *et al.*

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CUTTING BODIES HAVING NON-  
CIRCULAR CROSS SECTION

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AMENDMENT**Box Non-Fee Amendment**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application:

In the Claims:

A marked up version of the rewritten claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. A clean set of all pending claims is attached as Appendix B. Please amend the claims to read as follows:

19. (Amended) A bone plate cutting assembly for shearing by transverse forces a bone plate having a non-circular cross-section and a longitudinal axis, comprising:
- a first shearing element comprising
    - a handle for manipulation of the first shearing element; and
    - a first head attached to the handle and having a front face, a back face, and at least one outer surface, the first head having a slot through the front and back faces and extending from the outer surface towards an interior of the first head; and
  - a second shearing element comprising
    - a handle for manipulation of the second shearing element; and
    - a second head attached to the handle and having a front face, a back face, and at least one outer surface, the second head having a slot through the front and back faces and extending from the outer surface towards an interior of the second head;